

Ellis Island Oral Interview

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Interviewee: Paul Moschella

Date of Birth: July 8, 1898

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Interviewer: Paul E. Sigrist, Jr.

Immigrated from Naples, Italy at age 22 in 1921

Ellis Island Collection: EI-28

Moschella Food at Ellis Island:

I remember on Ellis Island, we was like a bunch of sheep. We bumped one each the other and everybody had a suitcase and dragging their suitcase, stuff like that, and I remember the first meal they give to us. They give sandwich, white bread with a piece of cheese and a piece of ham, wrap them up and put them in a little baggie and give to us and it tasted so good...That was something new for us. I never seen sandwiches in Italy, no. That was something new for me, to tell you the truth, and it tasted like I had a nice piece of cake. It tasted good.